

United States Senate
May 1, 2009

The Honorable Carl Levin
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable John McCain
Ranking Member
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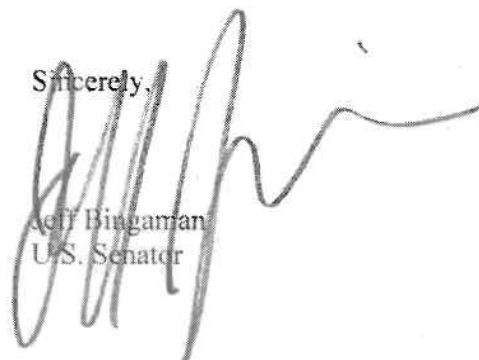
Dear Chairman Levin and Ranking Member McCain:

As the Committee begins consideration of the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act, I respectfully ask support for the attached programs.

As a larger policy matter, the Committee passed legislation in the Fiscal Year 2003 National Defense Authorization Act that reformed the Department's Test and Evaluation enterprise. This legislation was based on the premise that the Major Range Test Base Facilities (MRTBF) should not be charging upkeep or overhead costs to their test customers but that each service with MRTBF responsibility should allocate sufficient resources so that these national assets serve the Department's needs as whole. While the intent of the legislation was correct, the allocation of funding to the services in the 2003 Act to maintain these ranges was inadequate; the result 6 years later is that MRTBFs are experiencing large backlogs of broken test equipment that fail to serve DOD test needs. I ask the committee to allocate additional funding for MRTBF sustainment to make up for this shortfall. I also ask the Test Resource Management Center, which was created in the 2003 Act to certify the MRTBF budgets be accorded the responsibility of administering these funds as was originally found in the Senate version of the 2003 National Defense Authorization Act so that service interests do not interfere with the larger DOD responsibility of these ranges.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has a pecuniary interest, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 9 of Rule XLIV of the Standing Rules of the Senate, in any congressionally directed spending item that I requested for inclusion in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010.

Sincerely,



Jeff Bingaman
U.S. Senator

Bingaman FY10 milcon request Senate Armed Services Committee (alphabetical order)

Project Name: 96-Person Dormitory
Request: \$15,500,000
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a three-story, four-plex style dormitory with 96 rooms, thereby meeting new requirements for the beddown of Special Operations Forces (SOF). The current housing situation at Cannon AFB along with the expected build-up of new missions will result in a deficit of over one hundred dorm rooms with construction of a new dormitory. Additionally, most of the existing dorms are rated substandard, due to mold, asbestos and severe infrastructure deficiencies.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: Quality of life for airmen.

Project Name: SOF ADAL Simulator Facility for MC-130 (Recap)
Request: \$12,900,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ073012
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a training facility to support the MC-130 mission rehearsal, crew upgrade training, and administrative space for Air Force Special Operations Training Center. Rehearsal devices provide realistic mission training, real world mission rehearsals, and emergency procedures training. The lack of a training facility would result in lost combat readiness of MC-130 Recap aircrews due to the inability of aircrews to accomplish training events required to maintain currency and qualification in the aircraft.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective training.

Project Name: SOF CV-22 Squadron Operations Facility
Request: \$14,700,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: CZQZ063023
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Cannon Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct an adequate facility to secure planning, briefing, and critique aircrews and to direct flight operations in support of assigned CV-22 aircraft. A properly configured facility is essential to exercise secure command and control, operations, training and mission briefings. Space is also required to maintain, store and issue flying/life support equipment and clothing for each crew member. Lack of an adequate squadron operations facility adversely impacts the CV-22 squadron operations and the mission at Cannon. The three existing squadron operations facilities are already occupied.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective operations.

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Project Name: Fire/Crash Rescue Station
Request: \$10,000,000
Project Location: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a strategically located and fully operational fire/crash rescue station with easy access to the west area of the base, vital for protection of Air Force assets, including an eventual 40 F-22As, from fire damage or destruction. The station location will enable fire department personnel to meet mandated response times to structural and crash/rescue incidents in and around the West Ramp. The facility will include space for vehicle/equipment parking and storage, crew quarters, administration, and training.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: Safety for flying operations.

Project Name: F-22A Consolidated Munitions Maintenance
Request: \$5,500,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: KWRD083003
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a maintenance facility to support the F-22A armaments package, which includes forward-firing and air-to-ground precision guided munitions. The current munitions facility has limited capability due to the previous wing assigned aircraft (F-117A) and the lack of a new facility will result in the F-22A being unable to perform its full range of assigned missions. The current conventional munitions shop has known quantity-distance violations waived and cannot be altered to meet new mission requirements.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: Safety for flight operations.

Project Name: BEAR Set Asset Storage Facility
Request: \$12,000,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: KWRD013000
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a warehouse space for bulk and bin storage for maximum protection of deployable War Reserve Materiel (WRM) Bare Base Assets from the weather. In order to meet required Design Operational Capability (DOC) timing, assets must be stored in a "ready to go" configuration and be protected from the elements (sun, heat, windblown dust, rain, corrosive soil, and freezing weather) so cargo can be kept clean, protected from deterioration and strapped down. Availability of the storage warehouse would enable assets to be maintained in a constant state of readiness and postured for worldwide deployment with greatly reduced maintenance costs.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective operations.

Project Name: AFNWC Sustainment Center
Request: \$10,900,000
Account: Military Construction, Air Force
Project Number: MHMV093108
Service Component: Air Force
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a two-story, sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) that would support 24/7/365 operations to track/monitor Positive Inventory Control (PIC) of all Air force Nuclear Weapons Related Materials (NWRM), establish lines of communications with key DOD and DOE leadership command centers and organizations, and provide state-of-the-art capabilities for effective crisis management corrective action responses. This facility is necessitated after the mission of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC) at Kirtland was greatly expanded to provide complete control over the entire nuclear sustainment supply chain – the single entity responsible for operations, employment and sustainment. Existing facility resources at Kirtland have been fully utilized, with only some small scattered spaces that cannot accommodate the Sustainment Center.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective operations.

Project Name: Construct 498th NSW Facility
Request: \$18,500,000
Project Location: Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct a two-story facility for the 498th Nuclear Systems Wing (NSW), a newly-established, key component of the Air Force Nuclear Weapons Center (AFNWC). It is the focal point for nuclear and cruise missile program advocacy and management, logistics support, and engineering assessments and analyses. The 498th NSW's mission requires a staff of approximately 200 personnel that exceeds the capacity of the present AFNWC Headquarters building.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective operations.

Project Name: One Stop In/Out Processing Facility
Request: \$10,800,000
Project Location: White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico
Project Description: This project would construct an administration facility with a "one stop" in/out processing functional area, including space for Human Resources and other directorates, Military Finance, Personnel Information, Personnel Strength Management, Personnel Management, an education center, and more. Having a centralized "one stop" facility will minimize the time soldiers will spend away from their unit. This will become increasingly important with the expected arrival of the 2nd Engineer Battalion and the planned arrival of the HBCT. Currently, when a soldier in and out processes they are given in or out processing papers and are required to travel physically to all of the activity locations which are at different locations.
Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: cost effective operations.

Project Name: Soldier Family Care Clinic

Request: \$41,000,000

Project Location: White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico

Project Description: This project would construct a Soldier Family Care Center (SFCC) whose primary facilities include a health clinic and dental clinic. This project is required for White Sands Missile Range to support the increased population resulting from the Brigade Combat Team (BCT) stationing actions. Adequate existing facilities are not available to support this stationing action and increased troop population will not have adequate medical treatment services available.

Why spending is in interest to taxpayers: soldier quality of life.